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To: Indiana Licensed Nursing Facilities
Area Agencies on Aging/Pre-Admission Screening Managers (AAA/PAS)

From: Faith Laird, Division of Aging, Director *F. Laird*
Pat Casanova, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, Director *P. Casanova*

Date: November 8, 2012

RE: Policy Change: Physician Certification for Long Term Care Services (450B)

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2013

Effective January 1, 2013, the current Physician Certification for Long-Term Care Services (450B) document will no longer be limited to only the physician's signature. The physician may now delegate—within his or her scope of practice—that responsibility to either a Physician Assistant (PA) or Nurse Practitioner (NP) for whom the physician has supervisory responsibilities. All PAs and NPs must adhere to, and maintain compliance, within his or her own scope of practice.

This change in policy and practice affects the following:

- Pre-Admission Screening (PAS)
- Pre-Admission Screening Resident Review (PASRR)
- Nursing facility requests for continued stays
- Nursing facility transfers
- New Medicaid pay status
- Clients transitioning from the Medicaid Waiver program to nursing facility admissions
- Nursing facilities must develop a policy regarding their process for assuring compliance with the delegation of the Physician's authority to the PA and/or NP

Based on this expansion of 450B signatory responsibility, we are requesting the completed 450Bs be submitted to the AAA/PAS office within fourteen (14) days of the NF admission date for those that require AAA/PAS processing.

It is our hope and intent that this change in policy and practice will further enhance the current service delivery system. Thank you for your continued dedication to serving Indiana Hoosiers.

cc: DA, ISDH, HP, OMPP

